

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action by the Examiner, applicants elect without traverse the claims of Group I (Claims 1-29) for further prosecution in the captioned application.

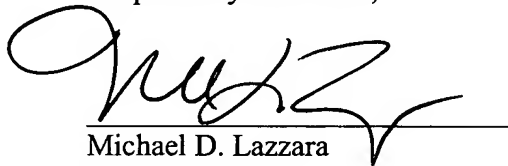
The Group II, Group III, and Group IV claims (Claims 30-33) have been canceled from the captioned application by the present amendment. Applicant submits, however, that these claims have been canceled merely to expedite prosecution of the application, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein. Applicant reserves the right to file an additional application or applications to pursue one or more of the canceled claims, among other potential claims.

In addition, new Claims 34-56 have been added to the application by the present amendment. Applicants submit that support for these new claims can be readily found throughout the specification and figures of the present application.

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Allowance is respectfully requested for all claims currently pending in the captioned application. Any questions associated with the present amendment are invited to the attention of applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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